## Amendments to the specification

On page 32, please delete the abstract and replace it with the following:

-- The invention provides substituted quinoxalines having the general formulas

$$R_1$$
  $R_2$   $R_4$   $R_4$  and

$$R_1$$
 $R_2$ 
 $N$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $N$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 

where R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, and R<sub>4</sub> are, *inter alia*, alkyl, aryl, or heteroaryl groups; Z is NH or O; and X is, *inter alia*, COOH or CONH<sub>2</sub>. The compounds of the invention have antiviral and immunomodulatory activity and are useful for treating infectious diseases, particularly viral infections. --